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HEDGE THOMPSON: CONGRESSMAN FROM SALEM COUNTY

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Born in 1780, Hedge Thompson was the son of Thomas Thompson (1745-1826) and Rebecca Hedge (1751-1831). Both sides of Thompson's family had deep roots in Salem County. On his paternal side, Hedge Thompson was a descendant of Andrew Thompson (1637-1696) who arrived in the county in 1677. On his maternal side, he descended from Samuel Hedge, who married Ann, a daughter of Major John Fenwick.¹ Hedge Thompson married Mary Ann, the daughter of Richard Parrot.²

The Thompson family lived in Salem Township. Thomas and Rebecca Thompson owned a number of lots in the town of Salem. On October 14, 1812, Hedge's parents sold their son, for "one dollar and the love and affection they bear to the said Hedge Thompson," a lot of 135 square perches on the "down side of Wharf Street" along the road to Elsinboro.³ By the time of his death in 1828, Hedge Thompson owned a number of lots in Salem.⁴ In a will written, and later marked "cancelled," Rebecca Thompson, Hedge's mother, had designated to her son another lot near the county court house with a store and other buildings erected thereon.⁵

Hedge Thompson chose to study medicine, doing so at the College of Philadelphia. Even before earning his medical degree, Thompson was secretary of the Philadelphia Medical Society, holding that office by March of 1802. Thompson earned his medical degree in May 1802.⁶ He presented a dissertation on the medicinal properties of *Spigelia marilandica*, more commonly known as the "Indian Pink."⁷

Hedge Thompson returned to Salem, and there he began to practice medicine. It was not uncommon for physicians to venture into politics in those days, and Thompson did exactly that. Thompson evidently found the practice of medicine "not congenial to his health;" he thus more fully "turned his attention to politics."⁸ In 1805, he won election to the New Jersey Assembly, one of Salem County's three-member delegation. He won election as a Democratic-Republican. Two "Quids," Democratic-Republicans not totally contented with the policies of the Jefferson administration, also won election. Elected to the Assembly with Thompson were Jeremiah Dubois and Charles Jones. Isaiah Shinn won the county's one seat in the Council, the upper chamber of the legislature.⁹

During his year of service in the Assembly, Thompson voted on one important issue. In 1804, the legislature had passed a bill for the gradual emancipation of slaves in New Jersey. That law,



The 1813 Hedge Thompson and Alpheus Bilderback House at 113 West Broadway, Salem, NJ painted by Thomas H. Bowen in 1952.
(See more on page 56) *William J. Gallo, Jr. Collection*

as enacted, included a section—Section Three—that allowed slave owners to abandon underage children to the care of the state. Under the "abandonment system," as it was known, overseers of the poor in each county had to arrange for the care of such children. The overseers bound the children out to anyone willing to accept their indenture. The state funded the children's care, at three dollars per week.

It quickly became evident that slave owners were taking advantage of this provision of the law as the overseers of the poor often bound the children back to their previous owners and paid them the three-dollar monthly payment funded by the state. Thus, the legislature elected in 1805 repealed that provision of the act for gradual emancipation, stipulating that children born in 1806 and thereafter could not be thus "abandoned." Hedge Thompson supported the repeal provision, which passed the Assembly by a vote of 27 to 10, and the Council by a vote of 9 to 3.¹⁰

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Message From the President

Dear Reader:

In looking back to January when I became the Historical Society President I've noticed a common thread of Salem Countians chipping in to get Society work done. The Society would put out a plea for help in preparing a mailing, creating a museum exhibit, gleaning books for information about Salem County and other tasks and without fail volunteers would make themselves available. This willingness of Salem Countians to be involved is fine tuned by our professional staff to make a best fit of volunteers' interests and skills with our many tasks and committees. So as you read this newsletter and learn about the Society please consider contacting us to volunteer.

I've also been thinking about the Society's mission statement which in part states "...to seek, document, preserve, interpret and perpetuate Salem County's heritage, and to enhance the awareness and appreciation of that heritage, ...for the benefit of future generations and for the betterment of the community." Our library, museum and newsletter committees do an excellent job of capturing and preserving Salem County's heritage both past and present, but it is our educational committee that specifically gears their efforts toward students. From our website: "Teachers choose three presentations of interest to their students. Students...rotate through presentations. Field trips must be arranged with the Society's Education Committee. Please call us to inquire."

Finally, a reminder about the Annual Appeal. Money raised from the Annual Appeal augments the membership fund and supports a broad range of needs including improvements to the Alexander Grant House and the 'out buildings' that comprise our Society complex, operating expenses, special events, educational materials and equipment upgrades.

Thanks for reading this quarter's newsletter. Let us know what you think.

Sincerely,

Curtis W. Harker, President

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Calendar of Events

Friday, December 6, 2019

The 42nd Woodstown by Candlelight Tour

Time: Craft Fair 4:00-10:00 P.M. and House Tours 6:00-10:00 P.M.

For more information visit www.woodstownbycandlelight.org

Saturday, December 7, 2019

The 32nd Annual Yuletide Tour of Historic Salem, N.J.

Time: 1:00-6:00 P.M. For more information call (856) 339-0400

Sunday, December 8, 2019

The Salem County Historical Society's December Quarterly Meeting

Presenter: James P. Hand, author Topic: "The Cape May Navy" Time: 1:30 P.M.

Location: Friends Village, One Friends Drive Woodstown, NJ 08098

Free and open to the public!

Saturday, January 4, 2020

The Hancock House presents "A Twelfth Night Celebration"

Times are at 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

To request your reservation and more information call (856) 935-4373

John Stewart Rock Scholarship



The Society's award winning book about the abolitionist John S. Rock is presented to **Jessica Howell** by Administrator and Librarian Richard Guido. Howell is the recipient of the Society's \$500 John S. Rock Scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. She is a 2019 graduate of the Salem County Vocational Technical School and is studying Education at the Salem Community College.

What's News at Your Society

- On Sunday, September 15th the Society hosted our Annual Luncheon at the Inn at Salem Country Club in Elsinboro. The event was a wonderful opportunity to sit down with our members and supporters and enjoy an afternoon of food and camaraderie at the Inn. In addition to our regular guests Congressman Jeff Van Drew stopped in before the luncheon and gave us a Congressional proclamation and commemorative coin. The following month Van Drew spoke about the Salem County Historical Society during a segment on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.
- On October 20th, the Society hosted the 16th John S. Rock Memorial Lecture with speaker Alvin Corbett. Corbett discussed and informed our guests on the "Logistics of the Underground Railroad". Over 80 people were in attendance for this lecture.
- Friday, October 26th was the annual Walking Ghost Tour in Salem an event that supports the John S. Rock Memorial Scholarship at Salem Community College. (This year's scholarship was awarded to Jessica Howell of Quinton.) The tour was preceded by the "Tunes from the Crypt" organ concert at St. John's Episcopal Church performed by Joanne K. Owen.
- On Saturday, November 9th our Museum Committee welcomed the Henry Francis DuPont Collector's Circle. The Circle was founded in 1984 by Museum donors with a keen interest in antiques and a commitment to preserving Winterthur's reputations as the preeminent institution for the study of American decorative arts. The Circle travels both domestically and internationally and we were honored to have such esteemed guests come and see items from our collection.
- On Thursday, November 14th the Society hosted a Chamber of Commerce Networking mixer here at the Society.
- On Wednesday, November 20th our next changing exhibit will open and is entitled, "Hidden History: Unique and Rare Stories of Salem County". The exhibit will feature items from both the collection and private individuals that have either never been displayed to the public or have not been on display in recent history. Included in the exhibit is the oldest Bible in the Society's collection, the oldest map of the town of Salem, and one of the earliest photographs in United States history!

IN MEMORIAM Joan Mulford Hassler

Joan passed away on Monday, August 19, 2019, at her home. Born in the old Salem Hospital, she was the daughter of Wayne B. and Laura Lawrence Mulford. Joan graduated from Salem High School in 1955 and married William Hassler in 1958.

Joan was an active lifetime member of the Society serving on the Board of Trustees as chairman and vice chairman of several committees including the annual dinner.

She was very active in politics and community affairs serving on the boards of Meals on Wheels and the YMCA and was the Chairman of the Salem County Committee of Women where under her guidance the popular Women of Achievement Luncheon was instituted.

Joan was vice chairman of the Salem County Republican Organization and was the first woman to serve on the Salem City Council in 1978. She loved her church and was very active as an elder and choir member and served on the fellowship, property and several pulpit nominating committees.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church with interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Salem, NJ.

ALEXANDER'S ANNALS

50 YEARS AGO

Pennsville Progress, Pennsville, NJ
December 1969

- Names for organizing a committee for a Pennsville YMCA to be announced shortly.
- Final approval by the township committee for a Gino's Restaurant.
- Pennsville Fire Company #1 and the Pennsville Emergency Squad are planning to merge.
- It is time that Salem County had voting machines!
- "Are we divided on Vietnam" by Mike Allen.
- Riverview Beach Park is put to the torch.
- School Board okays girls to wear slacks to school during the winter.
- Grand Opening for President Harry S. Truman's yacht *Williamsburg*.

75 YEARS AGO

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ
December 1944

- Civil Aeronautics Administration proposes an airport for Salem County.
- Alexander Grant House to have a new roof and a modern heating plant.
- Men 26-37 years of age must either work or fight.
- Fowler Freas, LPN farmer, named New Jersey's "Tomato King" by the New Jersey State Horticultural Society.
- People are moving into Chestnut Terrace, "Salem's New Home Center".
- LPN considers a nursery school.
- Barn Dance at Erhardt's Hall—Music by *South Jersey Rambles*.
- Oranges—41¢ dozen—A&P.

100 YEARS AGO

Penns Grove Record, Pennsgrove, NJ
December 1919

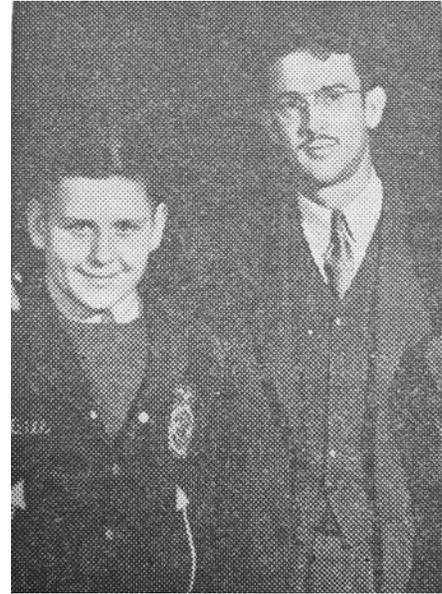
- Aviators plunge to death into the Delaware River near Penns Grove. Lt. Robert Stoker, 22, of Washington, D. C. and Fred Thompson, 28, of Dover, Maine.
- Cigarettes will go up 20 cents.
- Sugar is scarce—Only one pound allowance this week.
- Newly organized Salem County Choral Club—First concert at the Community "Y" at Carneys Point—Cowen's cantata "Rose Maiden".
- First service of the Christian Science Church, recently erected on East Harmony St., was held last Sunday.
- Salem has adopted the Free Public Library Act. Mayor Grier has named a board of trustees to take over the present John Tyler Library.
- New Borough Hall and Fire House is now assured.
- Post Office to be open on Sundays to relieve the Christmas congestion.

True Meridian Line Established for the County

"Mr. Belford M. Bosham, who was appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to set a true meridian line for this county, arrived in town Monday morning and commenced taking observations for that purpose. The monuments for the line are now all ready to be set and will be put down this week, and their buildings will be immediately put over them to protect them from frost, and from being disturbed by any ill designing person or persons. The line was drawn yesterday morning from an observation on the Pole Star, and the variation of the compass at sunrise was four degrees and thirty minutes west."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, May 13, 1868

UNITED STATES CHAMPION



"The picture above is that of William Saunderlin, of Quinton Township, who yesterday won the highest honors in the Milk Judging Contest at the National Farm Show, at Kansas City, Missouri. Standing at his side is his instructor, Champion C. Coles, Jr., head of the "Ag" Department of Salem High School.

United States Milk Judging Champion

"There is much rejoicing at the Salem High School this morning and justly so, because one of the students is a United States Champion. Word has come from the West that William Saunderlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Saunderlin, of Quinton Township, carried off first honors in the Milk Judging Contest at the National Farm Show held at Kansas City, Missouri. He competed individually and not on a team, we are informed.

"Young Saunderlin and Henry Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley, of Westville, a former student at Woodstown High School, won as a team in the New Jersey School Boy Contest in a field of thirteen teams last month. This qualified them to compete for the United States Championship.

"Friends of young Saunderlin are very happy to know of his success and extend congratulations.

"The winning is also an honor to Champion C. Coles, Jr., "Ag" instructor in Salem High School, who tutored the Champion.

"The youth had almost reached his home while on his way back from Kansas City when a tire on the automobile in which he was riding blew out at Muttontown Woods, causing the machine to overturn. He was scratched slightly on the face."

Salem Standard & Jerseyman, Salem, NJ,
October 23, 1941

Genealogically Speaking....

It is rare that the Library Committee is presented with a photograph acquisition that is identified on the reverse. This photograph was received at the October meeting and is presented here before its cataloging.



The inscription on the reverse reads:

"Howard Hopkins at curb
 Mrs. Burroughs
 Uncle Tom K. Middleton (Mother's Brother)
 Rebecca Julia Middleton Hopkins
 Verna M. Hopkins, Sr. (our Father)
 Helen Elizabeth Hopkins Hall
 Mrs. Burrough's son on steps

 Union Street
 Salem, N. J. 1901"

—**Unclaimed letters** for the following persons remain in the post-office at Salem, N. J., for the week ending Jan. 20, 1890:—**Jennie Billups**, Rev. C. W. **Boyd**, Emma **Blanchard**, Frank **Duman**, A. T. **Goldman**, August **Geinzel**, George **Hall**, Maux **Hawn**, Wm. F. **Hill**, (2) Tulu **Johnson**, Mrs. Geo. **Lewis**, S. L. **Lecaisky**, James A. **Moore**, Samuel **Moore**, Ephraim **Moore**, Mrs. Ellis **Morris**, D. F. **Mayhew**, Samuel **Robbins**, Peter T. **Smith**, Albert **Young**.

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, January 21, 1890

OLD LANDMARK GOING



“Long known as ‘**the Redstrake house**’, this building, near the foot of West Broadway, is being torn down by its owner, Sol Weinstein. Texas Oil Company, which operates a gas station on the front of the property, wanted space to expand, Mr. Weinstein says.

“The house was built about a century ago by Thomas Sinnickson. Mr. Weinstein has been told that it took two years to build. It was acquired in 1872 by James Redstrake, who left it to John S. Redstrake. In 1913, John S. Redstrake and Hannah, his wife, sold the property to Isaac Smith, who converted it to a double house.

“Mr. Smith sold it to Mr. Weinstein in 1930, and he changed it to an apartment house. Among its occupants were Mrs. William F. Miller and her husband, the late Mayor Miller. Mr. Weinstein sold the front portion of the large yard to the Texas Company and says that, when its employees were digging to install the oil tanks, Indian skeletons were found and were turned over to the late Coroner Roy J. Allen.

“Mr. Weinstein says he plans to use most of the lumber to build bungalows. He has already begun a development on his land, which runs back to the Congoleum-Nairn line, plus about an acre on which the Gulf station is situated. He expects to make two new streets, Maurice and Sylvia Avenues, named after his two children. Bungalows are to be modern with bath and all facilities and are in demand in this section near the Congoleum plant and Gayner Glass Works.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, February 20, 1951

[“Thomas Sinnickson acquired the land from Samuel H. Clement and wife in 1855. Working backward, Samuel Clement got it from Eliza Clement, who got it in 1815 from Sarah Hufty. Before that, Jacob Hufty deeded it to his daughters, Sarah and Eliza, his will being probated in 1814. Jacob Hufty acquired it from Isaac Moss in 1812, and it had come to Moss the same year from the executors of Hezekiah Bates. Bates acquired it in 1803 from Dr. Thomas Rowan.”]

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, February 20, 1951

Plans Completed for Collection of Milkweed Pods in Salem County

“Albert C. Shuck, County Superintendent of schools, last week, following a session of the School Supervisors at his office, put into effect a program for the collection of milkweed pods in Salem County.

“Marvin Jones, of the War Food Administration states that the WPB [War Production Board] has requested that there be collected a minimum of a million and a half pounds of floss from the common milkweed this year.

“That amount of material is needed to meet the requirements of the armed services for life jackets and other flotation equipment. He also stated that kapok fibre [a cottony fiber extracted from the pods of the ceiba tree] which has been used as a filler in life saving equipment, was formerly imported from the Dutch East Indies [present-day Indonesia], and our source of supply has been cut off since the enemy occupation.

Satisfactory Substitute

“Milkweed floss has been found the most satisfactory substitute and for this reason the Boy Scouts, along with other youth organizations, have been asked to assist in the collection of the pods.

“The program urged by Jones has the support of the United States Office of Education, and County Superintendent Shuck and the School Supervisors are cooperating.

“The County Superintendent said that not only the Boy Scouts but the 4-H Club members are to be urged to take on this project as a civic service good turn, as it will help our country win the war. However, any others who can assist in gathering the pods will be welcomed.

Get Pay For Work

“The War Hemp Industries, Inc. is furnishing without charge bags for picking purposes, and these were distributed last week to the School Supervisors, who in turn will see that they are put to the use intended. The bags will also be available at the County Superintendent’s office in the County Office Building, Salem.

“Persons engaged in the program of picking will be paid for their work. For each bag of 800 pods, that will make a bushel, 20 cents will be paid by the Federal Government through the office of the School Superintendent.

“The peak of the season is the month of September, but of course there are many pods that can be collected later.

“Wednesday, September 20, has been designated as Salem County’s Collection Day, when all the bags that have been filled will be turned in. It is hoped that the county will make a grand showing.

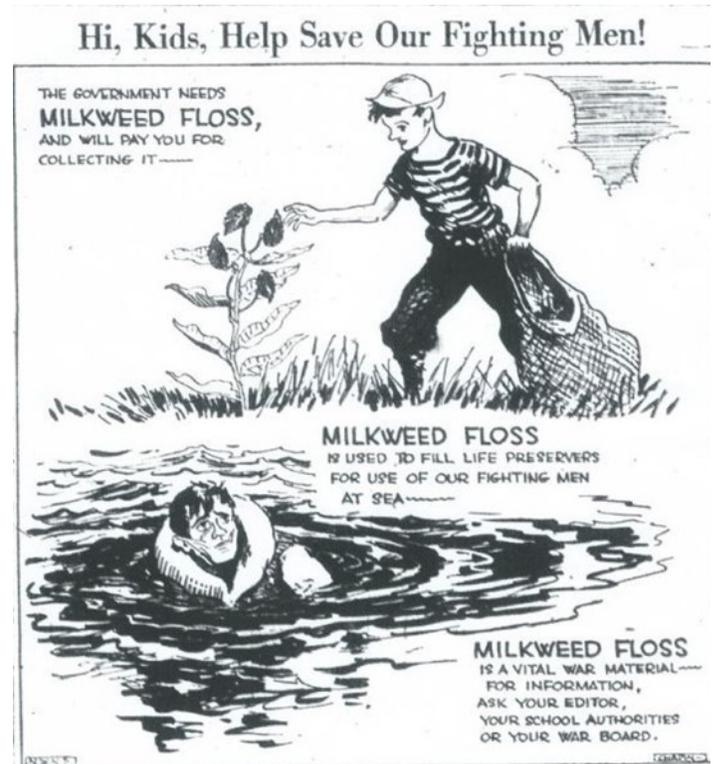
“The bags of pods will be taken to Woodstown, which has been designated as the central collecting spot of the county. The pods will be dried and prepared for shipment at the Woodstown depot.”

The *Salem Standard and Jerseyman* on November 9, 1944, printed a photograph of the 335 filled sacks representing the work of school children and scouts in the Milkweed-pod collection in Salem County. The boys and girls pictured in the photograph were of Grade III, of Woodstown, taught by Mrs. Alice R. Pierson, who brought in the largest number of filled sacks. “Phillip Alampi and the boys of his agriculture department at Woodstown did excellent work in assisting with the collecting and storing for drying purposes. The framework [for drying] was set up by these boys on the farm of Arthur Waddington near Woodstown.”

Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, August 31, 1944,
November 9, 1944

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, September 6, 1944

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ, September 7, 1944



[Wartime pamphlets encouraged children to gather milkweed. A brochure produced by the Soil Conservation Service for War Hemp Industries urged: “School children of America! Help save your father’s, brothers’, and neighbors’ lives by collecting milkweed pods.”

Canada and about 29 American states east of the Rockies were involved in the campaign, which furnished about 2 million pounds of milkweed floss to the armed services in one year.

The slogan “Two bags save one life” summed up the main mission. The floss harvested from two bags of milkweed pods would fill one life jacket. Milkweed floss was also used to line flight suits. The pods were sent to the Petoskey Fairgrounds in Michigan to be dried and processed.

A 1944 issue of *National Geographic* magazine shows 90,000 pounds of milkweed drying there, “to buoy up fighting men’s life jackets.”

It’s been estimated that more than 11 million pounds of milkweed were collected by the end of World War II.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/Gardening/2008/1026/the-heroic-milkweed>

“A million and a half pounds of the milkweed floss is needed this year [1944] for life jackets and other flotation equipment of the armed forces, according to a War Food Administration announcement.”

NAZI PRISONERS WORK AT LOCAL H. J. HEINZ PLANT

First Group Brought Over On Monday

“With the tomato season rapidly approaching its peak, the local plant of the H. J. Heinz Company, faced with a manpower shortage, has been using about 140 German prisoners of war to assist in the packing of the tomatoes, Rulon P. Ayars, manager of the plant, announced last week.



H. J. Heinz plant, Salem, NJ (lower left)

“In addition, some 200 Barbadians from the British West Indies are expected to arrive in Salem the latter part of this week to help with the pack, he said. The Barbadians were supposed to have arrived earlier, but were delayed. Some of them already have been here several weeks.

“The Germans are kept at Fort DuPont in Delaware and are brought across the river in the mornings and evenings in buses under armed guards. In the day they are given their breakfast at Fort DuPont, brought over to work and then returned to their prison camp so as to arrive by 7 P. M. The only meal they will get at the Heinz mess hall will be a dinner.



POW barracks at Fort DuPont, DE. Delaware State Parks Cultural Resources Unit

*Salem Standard and Jerseyman, Salem, NJ,
August 10, 1944
Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, August 16, 1944*

“Most of the prisoners are youths of about eighteen, and officials said they were doing a good job and working hard. They have nothing to do with the actual processing of the tomatoes, and their work is such that they cannot possibly do any damage to the pack.



German POWs at Fort DuPont, DE Delaware State Parks Cultural Resources Unit

“Their work consists of unloading the wagons and trucks at the platform, moving the cartons of the finished products to the cars or storage buildings and in cleaning up about the plant.

“The first group of about forty of the prisoners was brought over on Monday. Seventy more were brought over yesterday morning and another seventy last evening.

“There will be an armed guard for each squad of ten prisoners, and there will be armed guards stationed around the plant while the men are here. All of the prisoners now working at the local plant have been carefully investigated by Federal authorities and have been called safe. No employee, man or woman, will be admitted within the gates without proper identification.

“Mr. Ayars denied a rumor that the new quarters being erected on the property on Hubbell Avenue, recently acquired by the Company, were to be used to house the prisoners. He said that these units are for additional help that is expected from the South. The prisoners will be in Salem only while working.”



German POWs at Ft. DuPont barracks [Photograph probably staged for public relations purposes.] Delaware State Parks Cultural Resources Unit

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Hedge Thompson evidently fell into disagreement with his fellow Democratic-Republicans. In 1806, Thompson sought a second term in the Assembly as a Federalist, but he was defeated. The Federal ticket of Thompson, William Biddle, and Samuel Dare lost decisively to Democratic-Republicans Jeremiah Dubois, Daniel Garrison, and Daniel Tracey. Over two hundred votes, of some 1,700 cast, separated the lowest Democratic-Republican vote getter from the highest Federalist.¹¹ In the following decade, Thompson won nomination for a seat on the Council in 1812 and 1816, but he did not win election in either of those years.¹²

Thompson nevertheless remained in the public arena. During the War of 1812, he commanded a company of infantry, part of Lieutenant Colonel Joshua L. Howell's regiment of New Jersey Detailed Militia. Thompson's company, organized on September 26, 1814, remained on active duty until December 20 of that year. The company was first stationed at Billingsport, New Jersey. On November 14, it received orders to move to Cape May. The Royal Navy remained active in the waters off the mid-Atlantic coast even after its repulse at Baltimore, and Thompson's company was likely part of American efforts to guard Philadelphia and other strategic points on the Delaware estuary from British attack. Serving under Thompson's command as a Lieutenant was his political adversary Daniel Garrison.¹³

After the war, Thompson won appointment as a county justice in 1815.¹⁴ By 1819, he had returned to the Democratic-Republican Party and won Salem County's seat on the Council, defeating Federalist Samuel Miller by a vote of 997 to 379.¹⁵ Thompson's main concern in the 1819-1820 session of the legislature was a local issue, the construction of a dam, bank, and "other waterworks" across the headwaters of Salem Creek. Thompson introduced a bill for that purpose on November 4, 1819. By January 20, 1820, the bill had passed its first and second readings in the Council. The Council finally passed the bill on January 28. The Assembly passed the bill within a month, and it became law on February 23, 1820.¹⁶

Hedge Thompson also became involved in community affairs. He won election as one of the directors of the Salem Library in 1804. On July 15, 1809, the trustees of the Library Company of Salem elected him to the office of president.¹⁷ He also served as Senior Warden of the Grand Masonic Lodge of New Jersey, elected to that position on November 10, 1818.¹⁸ At a time when improving the agricultural productivity of many areas across the east coast of the United States was of growing concern, Hedge Thompson became an active member of the Salem County Agricultural Society. With Morris Hall and Paul Scull, he served on a committee to decide on prizes at one of the society's exhibitions.¹⁹ On January 28, 1825, he chaired a committee to raise funds to support the Reliance Fire Company of Salem's efforts to purchase a new engine.²⁰

Events of the mid-1820s forced Thompson to again reconsider his political allegiance. By that time, the rivalry between Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams had shattered the unity of the Democratic Republican Party. The Democratic Republicans in New Jersey had maintained a façade of unity up to 1826, in spite of the contested presidential election of 1824, resolved only by the election of John Quincy Adams by the House of Representatives in February 1825. When the party held a convention in Trenton to select its congressional ticket in September 1826, all pretense of unity ended, as the convention's delegates divided over allegiance to Jackson or Adams.²¹

The pro-Adams faction at the convention nominated Hedge Thompson along with four other "administration men:" Samuel Swan, Isaac Pierson, Lewis Condict, and Ebenezer Tucker. The "Jackson men" nominated George Cassidy, William Kennedy, Isaac Farice, Benjamin B. Cooper, and Daniel Garrison. Garrison, an incumbent, was also from Salem County. One candidate, George Holcomb, managed to win the support of both the Adams and the Jackson factions.²² The "Administration ticket," as it became known, easily won the election, defeating its Jacksonian rivals by over five thousand votes in an electorate of about 24,500.²³

The Congress elected in the fall of 1826 did not formally convene until December 1827. The issue that preoccupied the 19th Congress, above all others, was the tariff. Newly emerging industries, especially in the mid-Atlantic, demanded protection from foreign, especially British, imports. Some agricultural interests in the West, such as Kentucky hemp producers, also demanded protective tariffs for the commodities they produced. A variety of interests across the country coalesced to produce an unwieldy bill known as the "Tariff of Abominations." Some members of the House of Representatives hoped that, since the bill included so many "abominable" provisions, it would not pass. Even so, it did pass both houses of Congress, and President Adams signed it into law.

Hedge Thompson supported higher tariffs and played a role in this bill's passage. During the course of the debates on the bill, he generally favored efforts to expedite its movement through the House and opposed efforts to weaken its provisions. As the measure moved forward toward passage, Thompson helped clear the way by favoring a motion for "engrossment of the bill for a third [and final] reading." That motion passed the House by a close vote of 109 to 91.²⁴

On April 22, 1828, the House of Representatives passed the Tariff of Abominations by a vote of 105 to 94. Five members of New Jersey's six-member delegation, including Hedge Thompson, supported passage; George Holcombe was not present for the vote. New Jersey's representatives joined with their peers from the mid-Atlantic to favor the bill by a vote of 56 to 6. Only the western states showed stronger cohesion, favoring the measure by a vote of 29 to 1. The greatest opposition came from the agricultural South, where protective tariffs would result in higher prices for manufactured products. New England's representatives divided on the measure, with powerful trading and shipping interests there fearing lower demand for imported products, and manufacturers favoring the protective measures.²⁵

Hedge Thompson's death on July 20, 1828, abruptly ended his service in the House of Representatives. He was interred in the churchyard of St. John's Episcopal Church. Surviving him were his widow Mary Ann (Parrot) Thompson, and five children: Thomas (1812-1843), Richard (1805-1859), Joseph Hedge, Rebecca, and Mary.²⁶ One daughter, Isabella, predeceased her father, having died in 1821. Hedge Thompson's political career made manifest the choices confronting politicians in New Jersey, and elsewhere, by the 1820s. With the political realignment of that decade, they had to choose between Adams and Jackson. Hedge Thompson chose to identify with John Quincy Adams. How well that choice would have served him in the long term cannot be known, since he passed away while the political realignment, and the emergence of the second party system, remained a work in progress.



The gravestone of Hedge Thompson against the building of St. John's Episcopal Church, Salem, N.J.

¹Thompson folder, Salem County Historical Society, Salem, New Jersey; and *The English Ancestry of Samuel Hedge, Son in Law of John Fenwick of Salem County, New Jersey* (Philadelphia: Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1932).

²Thomas Shourds, *History and Genealogy of Fenwick's Colony* (Bridgeton, New Jersey: George F. Nixon, 1876), 443.

³Salem County Deeds P:361, County Clerk's Office, Salem, New Jersey.

⁴Division of Hedge Thompson's estate, map at Salem County Historical Society.

⁵Will of Rebecca Thompson, Salem County Historical Society, marked "cancelled before death." Hedge Thompson's death in 1828 preceded his mother's death in 1831, likely the reason she "cancelled" the will.

⁶*Philadelphia Gazette*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1802.

⁷*Gazette of the United States*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1802.

⁸Shourds 443.

⁹*True American*, Trenton, New Jersey, October 21, 1805.

¹⁰For a description of the system and its repeal I 1805, see James G. Gigantino II, *The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey 1775-1865* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), 106-7.

¹¹*True American*, Trenton, New Jersey, November 3, 1806.

¹²Politics folder, Salem County Historical Society.

¹³*Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey in Wars 1791-1815 Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General* (Trenton: State Gazette Publishing Co., 1909), 122-3.

¹⁴Thomas Cushing and Charles E. Sheppard, *History of the Counties of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland, New Jersey, with Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Citizens* (Philadelphia: Everts & Peck, 1883), 350.

¹⁵*Salem Messenger*, Salem, New Jersey, October 20, 1819.

¹⁶*Journal of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the State of New Jersey, 44th Session* (Newark: John Tuttle & Co., 1820), 97, 102, 115, 155.

¹⁷Cushing and Sheppard 381.

¹⁸*Trenton Federalist*, Trenton, New Jersey, November 16, 1818.

¹⁹*Washington Whig*, Bridgeton, New Jersey, April 19, 1826.

²⁰Cushing and Sheppard 389.

²¹*Washington Whig*, Bridgeton, New Jersey, October 7, 1826. Also, see

Bruce A. Bendler, "The Steam Mill and Jacksonian Politics: The Career of William N. Jeffers" in *New Jersey Studies* 4:2 (Summer 2018), 56.

²²*Baltimore Patriot and Mercantile Advertiser*, Baltimore, Maryland, September 26, 1826.

²³*Ibid.*, October 31, 1826.

²⁴*Niles Weekly Register*, Baltimore, Maryland, April 19, 1828.

²⁵*Ibid.*, April 26, 1828.

²⁶A map showing the division of Hedge Thompson's property in the town of Salem, some of which he had inherited from his mother Rebecca H. Thompson, is in the collections of the Salem County Historical Society. Rebecca H. Thompson's will, dated October 6, 1827, is also in the Society's collections.

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FIRE

The Woodstown M. E. Church Destroyed by Fire This Morning

"The M. E. Church at Woodstown was discovered to be on fire about 9 o'clock last night. The origin of the fire was caused by a defective flue. The fire being confined between the walls and the weather-boarding of the building, had gained much headway before being discovered. In a short time after the alarm was given the fire department was at the scene, but were prevented from doing effective work by the extreme cold weather. Several of the firemen were nearly frozen to death, but stood manfully at their post of duty. When the flames were thought to be under control the fire broke out through the roof and in a few minutes the entire building was enveloped with its raging fury. The loss is estimated at \$8,000 which is partially covered by an insurance of \$5,000. The edifice will be rebuilt at once."

National Standard, Salem, NJ, January 18, 1893

WOODSTOWN

"William Z. Flitcraft has built an attractive addition with a large piazza to the southwest side of his residence on North Main Street [at the corner of East Grant St.]. Albert W. Dilks, of Philadelphia, who designed the Woodstown First National Bank and the new school building, is the architect."

Penns Grove Record, Penns Grove, NJ, June 2, 1916

Library Acquisitions:

- Acton, Helen**, Woodstown, NJ. Photograph of the Caspar Wistar and Catharine Jansen house in Germantown, Philadelphia, PA. (2019.035)
- Conover, David F.**, Monroeville, NJ. Book entitled, *South Jersey Sodas & Beers: A Compilation of Embossed Glass Beverage Bottles of the Lower 7 Counties*, written by Allen R. Conover, Sr. and David F. Conover. (2019.036)
- LaCavera, Joseph**, Bridgeton, NJ. Civil War Journal of Ananius Lawrence, 1863-64. (2019.037)
- Magill, Ronald**, Salem, NJ. 1848 Map of Delaware Bay & River. (2019.019)
- Mecum, William**, Pennsville, NJ. Books entitled, *To Those Who Wore the Gray: Finns Point National Cemetery*, and *New Jersey: History of Ingenuity and Industry*, by James P. Johnson.” (2019.031)
- Nixon, Robert W.**, Clarksville, MD. Seventeen funeral notices of 19th century Salem County residents addressed to Samuel Plummer in Pentonville and Alloway. (2019.033)
- Owen, Lawrence B.**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Pamphlet entitled, “Woodstown High School Centennial Celebration Tour 2015”. (2019.038)
- Romansky, Tom**, Pennsville, NJ. CD presentations of local events including, Farm Day in Pennsville, 2019 and two presentations at meetings of the Genealogical Society of Salem County. (2019.032)
- Stanton, Robert A.**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Pamphlet file entitled, “The Salem Railroad”, by Robert A. Stanton and Emily Stanton Mills, 2017. (2019.040)
- Ubois, Marcy**, Arlington, VA. Hoyt’s Writing book. Property of Rebecca Carter, 1874. (2019.039)

Museum Acquisitions:

- Holme, John**, in memory of Benjamin F. Holme, Oakland, CA. Six paintings attributed to Lucy Holme. (2019.027)
- Magill, Ronald**, Salem, NJ. Printing block of building at “Head of Market Street.” (2019.019)
- Michel, Pete**, Hancock’s Bridge, NJ. Badge of the NJ State Park Service Division of Parks & Forestry depicting the Salem Oak tree. (2019.028)
- Ottinger, Stephen E.**, in memory of Carl Ottinger, Carney’s Point, NJ. Naval Uniform of Korean War veteran and other related items including military duffel bag. (2019.022)
- Owen, Lawrence B.**, Pilesgrove, NJ. Twelve inch ruler advertising Richman’s Ice Cream and a yard stick advertising Owen Supply Company. (2019.025) (to be continued...)

Acquisitions from the Estate of William J. Gallo, Jr. and J. Lawrence Marinofsky

In addition to the previously reported acquisitions from this estate a number of Seabrook related items were also acquired and are noted below:

- Truck report receipt cards from C.F. Seabrook Co.
- Correspondence from John M. Seabrook to Larry Marinofsky and Bill Gallo.
- Holiday or Christmas card from the Seabrooks, featuring The Nimrod Coach.
- Magazine article detailing the story of how John Seabrook met his wife Elizabeth Toomey.
- Funeral service program for John Martin Seabrook from the Deerfield Presbyterian Church.
- Newspaper clippings relating to the auction of the Seabrook carriages at Seabrook's farm in Salem County and obituary notices for Seabrook family members.
- Pamphlet entitled, “This is Seabrook Farms”.
- Auction booklets for the Estates of Norma D. Seabrook and John M. Seabrook.
- Numerous photographs of various Seabrook family members including B. Lawrence Seabrook and John M. Seabrook as well as Seabrook carriages and coaches.
- Book entitled, *Cabbages and Kings*, by Elizabeth Seabrook. Illustrated by Jamie Wyeth.
- Book entitled, *Growing a Global Village: Making History at Seabrook Farms*, by Charles H. Harrison.

Recent Fall Events



Congressman Jeff Van Drew visiting the Annual Luncheon. He is presenting a congressional proclamation to Curt Harker our President and Barbara S. Duffy chair of the luncheon.



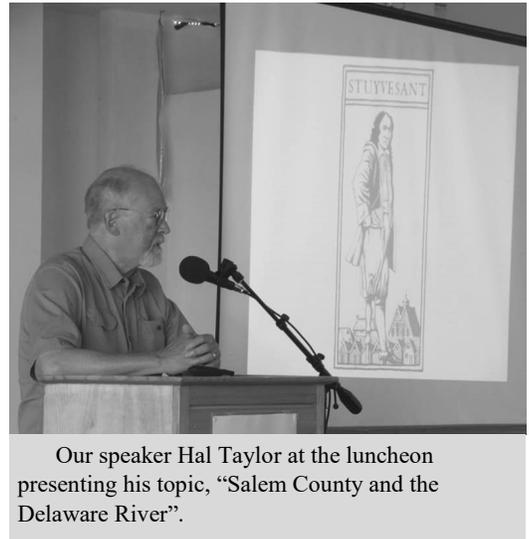
Joanne K. Owen, with assistance from Lawrence B. Owen, M.D., performs for "Tunes From the Crypt" at St. John's Episcopal Church as a prelude to the Salem City Walking Ghost Tour.



Alvin Corbett, the presenter at the Rock Lecture, with Curt Harker and Rich Guido.



Sheila the witch stopped by the Society during the Walking Ghost Tour!



Our speaker Hal Taylor at the luncheon presenting his topic, "Salem County and the Delaware River".



The Salem Women's Community Choir performing at the Rock Lecture. The ladies are: Andrea Lipsey, Sharon Jordan, Gloria Johnson, Sharon Kellum, Linda Shorter, Lydia Thompson, Lynne Henderson, Cissy Dickerson, Lorraine Booker, Helen Burris, Diane Allen, Janis Crawford and Director Patricia Allen.



Our President, Curt Harker, at St. John's Episcopal Church in the cemetery.

The Hedge Thompson and Alpheus Bilderback House



Built in 1813 by Hedge Thompson and his wife Mary Ann Parrot, this home was located on the corner of West Broadway and Oak Streets that is now the footprint of the Salem Oak Diner at 113 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey. The Thompson's had five children: Richard P., Thomas, Joseph H., Rebecca and Mary. Son Richard married Maria Hancock and built a home next to his father that remains today and can be seen to the right of the Thompson House.

Subsequent owners of the Hedge Thompson home were Jacob Mitchell, Ebenezer Dunn, Clement Hall and Judge Alpheus Bilderback. In 1875 it was the residence of Dr. Francis Bilderback. Dr. Bilderback's widow, Rachel, occupied the home until her death in 1935, and then it was occupied by their son J. Edgar Bilderback.

The home was sold at public auction in 1953 "under the terms of the will of Mrs. Rachel W. Bilderback by her son, Alpheus, and grandson, Thomas H. Bowen" to William G. Rohrer, Jr., the Mayor of Haddon Township, Camden County, New Jersey.

The home was razed in April 1954 by Benjamin Hyson.

"But it will be a memory that will linger for a long time after the last of its long enduring timbers have been carted away.

Already interested citizens have salvaged some of the exquisite wood-work from the interior."

In June 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buyarsky of Sinnicks Landing were building a new home at Pecks Corner. Most of the lumber used in the construction of that new home came from the Bilderback home.

In addition, Dr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt, of Mannington, purchased "the window sashes, trim, cornice, floorboards, chair-rails, paneling, doors, molding and chip carved mantles" from the Bilderback home for a new two-room addition onto their home, the Richard Brick House.

"This may sound over-sentimental, but we are sure there are many still living in Salem who do not want to lose all that connects this historic old town with its past."



Mantel from the Thompson/Bilderback House on the second floor, front, in the Alexander Grant House. Donated by Benjamin Hyson.

The Old Houses of Salem County, Joseph S. Sickler, Salem, NJ, 1949; page 111. "Comments from and Easy Chair", *Salem Standard & Jerseyman*, Salem, NJ, April 1, 1954.

"Samples of History", *Salem County Sampler*, Salem, NJ, February 7, 1979.

Salem Sunbeam, Salem, NJ, June 29, 1954, p.5.

Bilderback House File, SCHS.

National Register of Historic Places Inventory, May 1976.

MOLASSES IN SALEM COUNTY

It is estimated on good authority that five thousand gallons of molasses have been made in this county the present season. Of this quantity, David Petit, the enterprising pioneer of Sorghum culture in Salem County, has manufactured more than three thousand gallons. Portions of the pressed cane have been sent to Philadelphia to be manufactured into paper. The yield per acre, notwithstanding the drought in August, will be about the usual average.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, December 17, 1862

—The **St. George's Episcopal Church**, at Church Landing, in Lower Penn's Neck, has been torn down, and workmen are now engaged in erecting [a] brick church on the old site. A new frame rectory is also being built for the rector, Rev. Mr. Schubert, who is residing in this city until the completion of the dwelling.

—The **St. George's Episcopal Church**, of Lower Penn's Neck, will be consecrated on Tuesday morning next, at 10½ o'clock. Bishop Scarborough and others will be present and assist in the ceremonies. This church, having been rebuilt and remodeled, presents a very attractive appearance both without and within. It is new under the charge of Rev. William E. Schubert.

National Standard, Salem, NJ, February 14, 1877; *Ibid.* May 2, 1877

✂ Snippets from an Amateur Sleuth



Salem High Schools Junior Varsity Hockey Maidens

The Blue and White Junior varsity hockey maidens, who have been doing exceptionally well this season, and are expected to fulfill, Coach Helen Schreck's hopes for future championship hockey teams
 Left to right: Doris Sanderlin, Doris Sickler, Marion Moore, Beatrice Greenberg, Shirley Bouilett, Pauline Powell, Dorothy Ivy, Shirley Geriser, Elizabeth Crispin, "Kitty" Mecum, Laurene Stauffer and Sara Walters.
Salem Standard & Jerseyman, October 23, 1941

A. L. Kates has sold the Woodstown Register to William Taylor, the founder of the paper, and who conducted it up to a few years ago. We welcome Brother Taylor back into the Salem County journalistic circle, and wish him success.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, January 7, 1890

—Night watchman Bryant Dolbow came before Council, and was questioned as to his whereabouts on the night of the fire at Gaynor's glass house, Dec. 14th.
 —On motion, the Union Steam Fire Engine Co. was instructed by Council, to procure a pair of horses, and take steamer "Mosacca" to every fire that occurs in Salem, immediately on the first alarm of fire.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, January 14, 1890

—Mr. R. C. Miller, of Alloway, who recently purchased the Jessup tract of timber land, near Elmer, will soon erect a large saw mill on the tract. He has already ordered a fifty horse power engine and boiler of W. B. Matlack, of Salem City, for running the mill, and expects to start up early in May.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, April 1, 1890

The "Bridgeton" Launched

The new passenger steamboat, built at Enoch Moore's shipyard, Wilmington, for the Captains Denney, of Pennsgrove, N. J., was successfully launched about 11:30 o'clock on last Tuesday morning. She was christened by a daughter of Mr. Moore and was named the "Bridgeton." She is a staunch wooden craft built of oak and pine and is 128 feet long, 23 3/4 feet beam and 6 feet 9 inches depth of hold. She will receive her engine and boiler at the Pusey & Jones Company's works. The "Bridgeton" will be used as a passenger and freight steamer between Philadelphia and Bridgeton, and carry shad to Philadelphia during the fishing season.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, February 11, 1890

—L. D. Compton, a photographer from Bridgeton, has purchased the business of H. S. Breece, 152 Broadway, and has refitted the gallery and is now ready for business. Mr. Compton has had 16 years' experience in first-class establishments, and has the reputation of doing superior work.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, April 1, 1890

—St. Mary's Catholic Church was yesterday wired by Supt. Foss, of the Electric Light Company, and that building will hereafter be illuminated by 40 incandescent lights.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, March 18, 1890

An Old Landmark Gone

The cooper shop of Enoch Mulford, at the corner of Market and Grant streets, has been removed to a lot adjoining Foster's marble yard, on Grant Street. This building has been a cooper shop for about one hundred years. Mr. Mulford has followed the trade of cooper in the building for the past sixty-three years.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, January 21, 1890

Free Pews—The board of trustees of the Broadway M. E. Church [Salem] has unanimously decided to abolish the paid-pew system, and to return to free-pews. This Church will give a reception to its new pastor, Rev. A. Lawrence, at the parsonage on Friday evening.
The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, April 1, 1890

Chambers Works Employees Go On Air with Chorus

Several Chambers Works employees will participate when the DuPont Chorus makes its third annual Christmas radio broadcast on Monday evening, December 20th in a special "Cavalcade of America" program. Clark Gonzalez, of Technical Laboratory, will again be a featured soloist on the show. A Woodstown resident, Gonzalez has attracted increasing notice as a tenor soloist during the past five years, with frequent appearances in the Philadelphia area.
 In its fifth year, it has 115 members, men and women from different DuPont units in the Wilmington area. There will be two broadcasts with the NBC network in order to accommodate the West Coast. The chorus has a new director this year, Frank J. Clark, Jr., who studied choral arrangements and radio technique under Fred Waring.
Salem Standard & Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, December 16, 1948



The new Baptist Church at Quinton was dedicated on Wednesday last, and a council including thirty delegates, representing twelve churches, met in the Church to recognize it. The Church is composed of forty-nine members from various Churches, thirty-four having taken their letters from the First Baptist Church, of this city [Salem].

The South Jerseyman, Salem, NJ, March 18, 1890

CURTAIN CALL CLUB To Be Recipient of WOODSTOWN OPERA HOUSE



“The Curtain Call Club celebrated the fifteen anniversary of its organization Thursday evening with the opening of its new quarters in the newly-remodeled Woodstown Opera House and high-spot of the evening was the announcement by Mrs. Andree Humphreys, owner of the building, that she planned to leave the theatre to the Club as a memorial to her late husband’s father, E. B. Humphreys, who erected the building in 1885.

“Before packed house, the play, “The Curse of An Aching Heart” or “Trapped in the Spider’s Web,”

reached a new high in the career of the Curtain Call Club. It was performed again Friday and Saturday nights.

“Introduced by Russell HOLETON, Mrs. Humphreys, who was presented with an orchid, told the group: “I am seeing the dreams of Mr. Humphreys come to realization again after ten years of doubt.”

“She told how, about a year ago, representatives from the Club came to see her concerning the leasing of the old Opera House, badly damaged by fire ten years ago. They proposed to remodel the place, paying for it out of receipts from their own productions.

“They have accomplished in less than a year this unbelievable task,” she said, adding that their purpose was “to give Woodstown its own civic theatre, to have a place where everyone could meet and have fun together. Now we see that all we need is your patronage to make it a success,” she declared.

“Then she added: “It is my fond hope to leave this building to the Curtain Call Club as a memorial to the man who built it in 1885, my husband’s father, E. B. Humphreys.”

“Russell Herbst conferred upon Rachel HOLETON the title of president emeritus of the Club, pointing out that it was largely due to her efforts that the Club was organized.

She, also, was presented with an orchid.

“The Club, he explained, was originally started to raise funds for a scholarship donated by the Alumni Association of Woodstown High School during the depression when funds were low. The first play was given in 1934.”

*Salem Standard and Jerseyman,
Salem, NJ, December 22, 1949*

Slate of Nominees for the Board of Trustees 2020

Each year a Nominating Committee is formed to present a slate of nominees for open positions on the Board of Trustees of the Salem County Historical Society. The committee consists of a Chairperson who is selected by the President from the general membership and who is not an elected official of the Society, and four trustees whose term in office will not expire at the end of the current year.

After diligent consideration, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees to the Board of Trustees on October 2nd, 2019 during our scheduled meeting. On behalf of the Board and the membership of the Society, we extend a sincere thank you to the members of the nominating committee who took part in the process.

With the approval of the Board of the Salem County Historical Society, we are pleased to present to you the following nominations:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Treasurer	Gaynel Schneeman	Dec. 2022
V. President Museum	Robert Costa	Dec. 2022
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Trustee	Diane Wohlrab	Dec. 2022
Trustee	Martha Hogan-Battisti	Dec. 2022

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Membership Report

New Members:

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Salem, NJ
Joseph Hall
Cincinnati, OH
Bill and Ellen Modica
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Deceased Members:

June M. Bostwick
Alloway, NJ
Dorothy E. Fowser
Pennsville, NJ
Joan Mulford Hassler
Lower Alloways Creek, NJ

"The Quinton Baptist Church tendered a vote of thanks to Mrs. S. S. Walker, who presented them with a beautiful Communion set on last Sunday morning, in memory of her brother, Charles H. Walker. It was the occasion of their first Communion."
The South Jerseyman,
Salem, NJ, May 6, 1890

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Please help us identify the persons, occasion and date of this group who are gathered at the Cuff Cemetery, 982 Main Street, Canton, NJ, behind the gravestone of Reuben Cuff.

Warren T. Sparks Photograph Collection (000.1310.148)

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